

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR DROUGHT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the per capita amount allocated by the Department of Agriculture to the drought prone areas in the country including Maharashtra during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the fund sought by the various States including Maharashtra alongwith the amount of money sanctioned by the Planning Commission for the purpose during the said period, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Financing of relief expenditure in the wake of natural calamities in the country, including drought, is carried out in accordance with the recommendations of Finance Commission, from time to time. There are two schemes for providing assistance towards immediate relief in the wake of natural calamities viz. Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). CRF has been constituted for each State and is contributed by the Government of India and State Governments concerned in the ratio of 3:1. The State Governments are required to take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities out of the corpus of the CRF, in accordance with the extant items and norms. In case the natural calamity is of a severe nature and the funds available in the State's CRF account are not sufficient, additional assistance is considered from the NCCF, in accordance with an established procedure. State-wise details of assistance sought and assistance approved by the High Level Committee (HLC) from the NCCF, for drought relief, for the droughts of 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, is indicated in the statement annexed.